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Negro Business League

OVER 100 PRESENT AT IT'S FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET MANY LADIES PRESENT.

The first banquet of the local Negro Business League took place in True Reformers' Hall Monday evening, at which one hundred plates were laid. It was the first social function given by this well known organization, of which Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, the well-known architect is president.

The stage and hall were beautifully decorated with palms, flags and flowers. In the center of the stage was a beautiful alcove and arch with an appropriate inscription of the organization.

At nine o'clock President Pittman invited the guests to be seated at the table that was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and set in T shape. Mr. E. Murray was the caterer who served the sumptuous repast. The dinner was served in courses as follows:

MENU

Soup

Pickles Olives

Fish

New Potatoes Parsley Sauce

Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce

Sugared Potatoes Green Peas

Lamb Chops Breaded

Tomato Salad

Ice Cream and Cake

Cheese Crackers

Coffee Punch

At the cross bar of the T set table were seated President W. Sidney Pittman and his wife; Ex-President J. A. Lankford and his wife; Register W. T. Vernon and Mrs. Vernon; Artist Daniel Freeman and Mrs. Freeman; Judge E. M. Hewlett and Attorney R. R. Horner, Joseph Manning and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. John Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Attorney W. Calvin Chase Mr. Miles C. Maxfield and Attorney Thomas L. Jones; Dr. John R. Francis, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Cabaniss, Dr. Charles H. Marshall and

PRESIDENT S. W. PITTMAN.

wife; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pendleton, Mr. W. R. Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dabney; Mr. J. E. Moorland, Mr. A. N. Scurlock and sister, Attorney J. Louis Taylor and wife; Mr. John W. Lewis, Attorney P. W. Frisby, Mr. William A. Bowie, Mr. S. W. Rutherford, Mr. T. A. James, Mr. Z. B. Moore, Mr. S. H. Balling, Mr. Louis E. Johnson.

At the conclusion of the repast The responses to the toasts were logical and eloquent. The opening address of President Pittman was interesting and entertaining. He gave a brief outline of the local Negro Business League and what it stood for. He referred to the past work of the League and what he hoped to make of it in the future. This occasion, remarked President Pittman, is only the beginning of the annual banquets. He thought the time had come for Negro Business men to get together and have an exchange of their views and compare notes of the work of one another and to see if the Negro business men of this city could make themselves a factor in the community in which there was so much competition. He earnestly asked the cooperation of every person in business and if he succeeded in getting it he was convinced that the local Negro Business League would be a factor.

President Pittman introduced as the speaker, Mr. J. A. Lankford, who delivered a most timely address. This address contained many helpful ideas. He was followed by Dr. John R. Francis, one of the leading physicians of this city. Dr. Francis is the first and only physician to erect a sanatarium for colored people. He is from one of the leading families in the city. The subject of his address was "Physicians in Business."

As Owners of Houses.

J. W. Lewis, who also made an address, said that 2,300 houses are owned by colored people in this city, and 900 of these homes have mortgages on them approximating $900,000, which at 6 per cent interest yields an annual income of $54,000 to holders.

"Of these mortgages,'" Mr. Lewis added, "only about two per cent are held by colored investors.'"

These and similar reasons, the speaker argued, should result in the establishment of building associations and land investment companies by Negroes.

Mr. Lankford, who is the organizer and first president of the local business league, said there are 500

MR. J. A. LANKFORD.

Negro business leagues in this country. The National League, of which he is a vice president, has about 400 members. He said he has, since its inception, witnessed a large growth in Negro business enterprises, among which are more than thirty banks started within the past eight years.

Responses to Other Toasts.

Other toasts were: "Negro Insurance Companies," S. W. Rutherford; "Negro Organization," W. R. Griffin; "Negro Builders," Joseph Manning; "Automobile Investments," John Stockton; "Negro Success in Groceries," J. B. Anderson; "The Lawyer's Business," George F. Collins; "The Negro Junk Dealer," George W. Robinson; "Negro Newspapers,'" W. Calvin Chase; "Business Side of Young Men's Christian Association," Lewis Johnson; "Negro Photography," Addison Scurlock; "The Printing Art," R. L. Pendleton; and "Duties of the Local League," Thomas L. Jones.

Officers and Subscribers.

The officers of the league are: W. Sidney Pittman, president; Daniel Freeman, first vice president; Alexander Underwood, second vice president; W. R. Griffin, financial secretary; George F. Collins, corresponding secretary; John W. Lewis, sergeant at arms, and E. Murray, chaplain.

The subscribers to the banquet were: Perrie W. Frisby, J. A. Lankford, W. R. Griffin, S. T. Bolling, L. M. King, S. W. Rutherford, Charles Mallory, Daniel Freeman, Rev. J. E. Moorland, A. N. Scurlock, Dr. J. R. Wilder, John Stockton, Henry Lassiter, Henry G. Baker, Dr. John R. Francis, W. Calvin hase, E. M. Hewlett, Thomas L. Jones, R. L. Pendleton, Charles H. Slemans, George F. Collins, J. Leslie Taylor, George W. Robinson, Louis G. Johnson, F. Morris Murray, E. Murray, William A. Bowie, T. A. James, Dr. George W. Cabaniss, J. B. Anderson, R. L. Carter, Joseph H. Manning,

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FOR A NEGRO CHAUTAUQUA

Movement Started by Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, N. C., and Widely Endorsed.

From the New York Evening Post

Thoughtful students within the Negro race and considerate friends without concede that for the future progress of that people a competent leadership must be raised up in various communities that can feel the wants of the people, and feeling, sympathize with them and intelligently administer to them.

It does not appear to be so much a matter of industrial or collegiate training, for however much the exponents of these two schools may

Register Vernon

war, both concede the other to have some salient points, and in a measure to be right. As yet, however, the movement that promises to be one of widespread signifiance is provided in the efforts of Dr. James E. Shepard of Durham, North Carolina, to establish a sure foundation upon which the education of the negro, of whatever character, may be based in order that the fullest growth of that people may be assured.

In short, Dr. Shepard's effort is to establish for the Negroes a religious training school and Chautauqua, to be modelled after the Northfield Bible School and the Winona Assembly. Dr. Shepard was formerly field superintendent of the work among Negroes for the International Sunday-School Association, and in such a capacity had excellent opportunity to ascertain the needs of his people in a religious and moral way.

He feels, and rightly so, that the education of the Negro, whether industrial or collegiate, must be based upon a moral and religious foundation, if it is to cause the real betterment of the Negro race. That he has been able to convince others of the wisdom of his cause at this early stage is signifiicant of the great results to be attained by this movement.

The Charlotte Observer, perhaps the leading daily newspaper in the State of North Carolina, has openly endorsed the project, and has given substantial encouragement in a leading editorial on the movement. No individual could have a stronger personal endorsement, no movement a warmer advocate than that afforded to Dr. Shepard and his cause by a public letter from Governor Glenn of North Carolina, to which is affixed the great seal of the State. Governor Noel, of Mississippi, sees much good in the movement as presented by Dr. Shepard, and his former associates in the Sunday School Association give it hearty endorsement.

THE FIELD FOR WORK

The kind of work to be accomplished by this institution furnishes such a faithful field for service to the Negro people that it is a wonder some enthusiast had not thought of it before. Who will not agree with Dr. Shepard in the following:

"A religious training awakens the sluggish, dormant energies of the individual and turns them into channels of usefulness and service. It lessens crime, reduces idleness, stops violence, teaches lessons of self-restraint. It builds up a better citizenship, and checks the great waste of human material found in jails, penitentiaries and chain-gangs. Make a man practically religious ,and the industrial and educational side will take care of itself.'"

So, then, it is proposed that the Negro is to know not only the virtue in work and to become a skilled workman, but he is to be taught in the best and most approved methods the knowledge of a religion for every day life, the knowledge of a religion of service.

This does not contradict the fact that the Negro is naturally a religious character, and more intensely religious than anything else, but, as Dr. Shepard points out, this has not been a practical religion nor a religion of restraint. It has taught the Negro largely how to die, without teaching him how to live; how to be happy without knowing why he was happy. Dr. Shepard feels and attempts to impress it upon the friends of the Negro race that this natural religious tendency should be one of the powers used to bring about the greater and higher developments of his people. He realizes that this tendency, if directed in the proper channels, will be a bulwark of strength to our American homes and to the nation.

How It Is To Be Done.

This work is to be attempted through the establishment of a National Training School and Chautauqua, where men and women are to be trained in the Bible, (and thus experiencing a change of the inner life, will go out and change others. It is also the plan to have as one of the chief features of the work a religious course, where illiterate ministers may be given the advantage of short courses in literary studies, combined with a comprehensive and well-directed course in Bible studies.

This, of course, is a great work. More than nine-tenths of the ministers who must be the religious leaders of the people, and in many cases their advisers in all of their relations, are positively ignorant. They have done the best, according to their light, however, and to contribute to the elevation of any inconsiderate portion of this ignorant clergy is a work that deserves the utmost encouragement. In many cases, they are eager for instruction that will give them a broader view of the Master's service and a better knowledge of the art of reaching and saving men. They cannot spend a long time in college, and, as a matter of course, practical courses should be arranged to meet their needs. They must be made discontented with the old and made to seek a better way.

The Sunday School, likewise, is recognized as one of the most potent forces in shaping the future of the Negro race, and it is the purpose of Dr. Shepard to have specially arranged courses of study for Sunday School workers, missionaries, secretaries of Christian organizations and various fields of religious endeavor. Besides these features, settlement work will be attempted, courses in domestic science, and various industries provided, and all the usual features of Chatauqua work will be attempted. The men and women will be taught to work, and the idea that work and religion go hand in hand will be sent to the masses.

Horace D. Slatter.

WHAT I SAW AND HEARD.

Is is amusing to see and hear so many politicians talk. They don't know where they will stand under the next administration. There are some men who imagine that they are big and strong in the estimation of the administration. If they only knew just how small they are, they would say but little.

There is more talk about the coming colored inauguration ball than there is about the one the citizens are going to tender Mr. Taft.

Judge Ankum is a matter of fact man. He is one man who doesn't take any foolishness.

Superintendent Bruce declares that his attention was not called to the check of Miss Waller, who died a few weeks ago.

The Asssistant Superintendent is not a candidate for a foreign mission, and he doesn't intend to leave the city, because that would be too pleasing to those who want his job.

Major Sylvester, Chief of Police, has his eye upon a certain colored officer in the city. The Bee will not be surprised if this colored officer is transferred and promoted to a higher position. The Chief believes in loyal men and there is no doubt that there is something in store for this particular officer.

I understand that the members of the Batchelor's Club will elect new officers soon.

Attorneys Pollard and Hughes are candidates for the presidency.

Whenever you see a man fishing for social recognition you may just be sure that he is losing his mind.

Secretary Taft may make a few important appointmentss after his inauguration.

There is a movement on foot to tender Register W. T. Vernon a banquet. It is claimed that it will be the swellest affair that has ever taken place in this city. Register Vernon has no doubt won the good will of the people in this county by his gentlemanly and manly deportment. He seems to be an idol among his people and when this swell affair takes plaace, the virtues of a great man will be told.—Rounder.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

London, January 4.—Some of the humorous aspects of the Cecil Rhodes scholarships scheme were revealed in the course of the discussion on Royal Colonial Institute recently. A scholar from one of the western American states came to Oxford with this Bret-Harte-like testimonial: "He is the whitest soul in our state."

Another selected Rhodesian from the far west had at Oxford to live up to an even higher ideal of human perfection: "No Roman mother ever bore such a boy.' '

The United States is gaining more from the bounty of Mr. Rhodes than the British Empire. One speaker expressed his belief that in drawing up his great scheme Mr. Rhodes did not American Republic.

Mrs. Josephine Farmer, of Providence, Rhode Island, was so badly burned last week, that she died one week ago today.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

The sum of $800,000 was appropriated last Monday by Congress, for the relief of the people in the earthquake section of Italy.

Much to the credit of the United States,there was no opposition to the above appropriation in the House, and only one member of the Senate, Mr. Bailey, who did not think the "Federal Government had the power to spend the public money in this way."

Who can tell the moment when our government, with all its glory, may be brought low and be forced to ask aid of some other power.

Rev. Hugh Keeley said last Sunday that "The time is coming when our schools of medecine will be teaching the science of mental healing.'"

Rev. Dr. J. P. E. Kumler, whose death occurred in this city last Sunday, was a minister in the Presbyterian church for forty-five years.

Lieutenant Colonel Mearns has been found physically disqualified for the duties of the office held by him, and his retirement from active service began January 1. He will accompany President Roosevelt on his trip through Africa.

Roy G. Powell, a postal clerk between Cumberland, Md., and Durbin, W. Va., has been arrested for "rifling" ordinary letters.

Major Thomas P. Morgan is having his hands full in placing all the organizations that have applied, in positions of honor in the inaugural parade.

Charles Thomas, who killed William Kirby last February, has been adjudged insane and sent to the Government Hospital.

Mr. D. Murray has been appointed a member of the Executive committee on public comfort during the inauguration.

Mrs. Mary Randa, a widow, and said to be eighty years old, from Nebraska, did not get to see the President after leaving the Union Station the early part of this week, but she will be sent back to her home and friends.

The American Forestry Association will be in session in this city next Wednesday and Thursday at the Willard Hotel.

The past week was observed in many churches as the "Week of Prayer."

The chief of the laboratory of the bureau of chemistry says that all kinds of wild and cultivated plants are being used to manufacture paper, owing to the scarcity of other materials.

Chicago Federation of Labor will hold a "monster meeting" February 12, and issue resolutions protesting against the action of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Richard Stocton, of Trenton, New Jersey, bit a piece of shell while eating oysters, and had to have an operation performed to prevent blood poisoning. She has lost her voice, but the docters hope for a return in the near future.

The New Year tea, given by Mrs. Potter Palmer in Chicago, in honor of General and Mrs. F. D. Grant, was said to have been the most brilliant on that day in Chicago.

Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, who succeds Mr. Joseph B. Foraker as Senator, will serve out his term in the House, which ends March 4.

According to the statement of Mr. Burton, no river and harbor bill will be passed by Congress at this session.

James Reynolds, a farmer of Ridgebury, Connecticutt, was gored to death last Sunday by a bull in one of his pastures.

Vice President Fairbanks and his three brothers, are preparing to build a railroad in Arizona.

The report of Secretary Garfield shows 471 widows of the War of 1812 on the pension rolls.

A locomotive crashed into the passenger station at Trenton, New Jersey. It passed through the wall into

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A YOUNG LION SLAYER.

Boer Farmer Boys Make Good Shots On the African Veldt.

Three lions were killed near Pietersburg, Transvaal by the nineteen-year-old son of Jozef Erasmus, a Boer farmer. It appears that young Erasmus was on his way to the Messina mine and had outspanned his donkey team, when his kaffir boy came running to tell him that three lions were tackling the donkeys. Erasmus seized his gun and ran hard in the direction indicated. On his arrival at the spot he found the lions lying around one of the donkeys. He fired and killed a big lioness. The other two jumped up but he was ready and shot another (younger) lioness. The young lion which was left ran behind some brushwood. Erasmus first collected his donkeys and brought them into safety and then once more carefully approached the scene of the fight. In order to find out if the two lionesses were dead he fired another shot at one of them. This disturbed the surviving lion who thereupon came forth roaring. Erasmus was again ready and shot him dead on the spot. Asked by the Volkesstem correspondent whetner he was alone at the time, Erasmus replied; "Oh, no, Oom,' I had my little Kaffir boy, with me.'—The skins were sold in Pietersburg.—Pretoria Volksstem.

Poisonous Brazilian Vipers.

Much is made of the lance-head viper, "the most deadly of all know reptiles," brought from Brazil to New York for the purpose of an operation which will give a serum that is practically extinct. There are several singularly interesting snakes in Brazil. The suru cucu is supposed to cause death in six hours. It is sometimes found nine feet long. Its skin is a dirty tawny yellow, with dark brown lozenges on the back. It is said to be attracted by fire but seldom to injure travellers. The fiercest of the lance-headed vipers is the Jararoca, and it, also, it a dirty yellow, but it is brown-black about the tail.—Boston Herald.

Birds, Fruit, Dead Leaves.

The Moki Indian women of Arizona have an ingenious and romantic form of coiffure. When young these women coil their tresses at the sides of their heads, so as to represent the buds of a native plant. This signifies that they themselves are in the flush of youth and of marriageable age. When they are married their hair is arranged to represent the fruit of the plant; while in old age their locks hang straggling down their backs, typical of the withered stalk of the dead or dying plant.—

Answers.

Brides Older Than Bridegroomes.

The vital statistics prepared by City Clerk Entwisle of Salem shows that during 1907 there were 479 marriage licenses issued and 306 solemnized in the city, which is 18 fewer than the previous year. The oldest brigegroom was 68 and the oldest bride 50, while the youngest bridegroom was 16 and the youngest bride 15. Seventy-one brides were older than the bridegrooms.—Boston Transcript.

Vegetable Milk.

"Vegetable milk" is used in Japan. It is made from the soja bean. The liquid is exactly like cow's milk in appearance, and in taste can hardly be distinguished from it. To make it the beans are first soaked and then boiled in water. Some sugar and phosphate potassium are added, and it is boiled down till it has the consistency of condensed milk.

Valuable Relics.

At an auction sale at Christie's in London of the late Marchioness of Conyngham's art collection a silver ewer and dish, weighing together 90 ounces, a gift of George IV to an ancestor of the Marchioness, sold for $21,000.

A Venerable Turtle.

A Massachusetts boy, Nathan Sampson, has found a venerable turtle which bears markings made by his grandfather, now 81 years old, which were put on in 1840, and by his great-grandfather, who marked the same turtle in 1816.

Slightly Mixed.

The story is now going the rounds of the country papers about a man who visited the paying-teller's window in a bank and asked for one of the new coins with "God Bless Our Home" left off.

A Healthful Occupation.

Bull fighters receive $417 per hour, and the occupation is so healthful that unless killed by accident its followers invariably reach a green old age.

Newspapers in Persia

Persian newspapers are reproduced from handwriting by lithography, no types being used.

Viennas Beggars.

Vienna has 32,000 street beggars, and many of them make a better living than workmen.

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COUNTERFEITERS' NEW SCHEME

How the Smooth Demonstrator Gets His Victim's Coin.

"One of the latest schemes of the counterfeit money swindlers is to show gullible people a machine with which they can print for themselves large size bills, imitative of Government currency," said Capt. S. F. Rhodes, formerly of the secret service. "This money producing machine has a smooth demonstrator who will, after getting a prospective victim interested, turn the crank and grind out a $20 note, which, it is needless to say, is genuine. The victim shows the bill to a bank cashier, and hears it pronounced good, and his mercenary nature being aroused, he sees visions of gigantic wealth, and hands over to Mr. Sharper $500, or at least $250, for the instrument that is going to make him a Rockefeller. It is needless to say that the subsequent specimens turned out are such miserable imitations that they would hardly fool a blind man, but the ignoramus is in a place where he can't make a roar for his lost money.

The Swaying Skyscraper.

Through the chance of perfect adjustment in the way of balance, of a row of large photographs that hang on a wall of an office building down town the clerks in the place have a good deal of quiet amusement with persons who visit the place for the first time. Owing to this balance the pictures are easily swayed by the wind that blows through the open windows and since the office force goes in for fresh air the year round the pictures are never still. The joke lies in catching the horrified expression on the faces of the callers when they get a sight of the swinging frames. Then it is always explained with due solemnity, if the boss is not around that the swaying of the frames is due to the oscillation of the structure. It usually takes some time for the object of the joke to see the point. Meanwhile he has suffered a considerable shock.—N. Y. World.

Odd South American Animals.

Many curious animals haunt the marshy parts of South America north of the pampas. Frogs big and ferocious, given to making vicious springs when closely approached; the capybara, a cavy "contented with the bulk of a sheep"; the huge coypu rat and the swarthy piglike tapir are frequently seen. Along the forest margins troops of peccaries are often met with, occasionally the jaguar sometimes the puma, likewise that toothless curiosity, the great ant bear, long in claw, long nosed and remarkably long tongued. A familiar object is the great jabiru, a stork with a preference for the desolate lagoons, where it may often be observed statuesque on one leg and wrapped in prospection.—Scotsman.

The Gingko Tree.

Studies by Miss M. C. Stopes of the fossil flora of Scotland have shown that the gingko or maidenhair, tree, a native of Japan and China, which is cultivated in Europe and this country on account of its remarkable foliage, belongs to an extremely ancient family, of which it is now, apparently, the last surviving representative. At one time it seems to have been widely spread. A singular fact is that the fossil specimens of the gingko, found in the rock beds of the Inferior Oolite series, at Brora, Scotland, are so similar to the living trees that at first sight no difference is apparent. Only an examination of the structure of the cells reveals a variation.—Youth's Companion.

For Pressing Plaited Skirts.

Plaited Skirts which have been washed are difficult to press. Time and expense may be saved by having the work done after the following method, which is for woolen skirts especially: Before the skirt has become badly creased or rumpled run a basting thread, using short, even stitches, down the entire length of each crease which marks the folds of the plaits. By this means, after the skirt has been washed, the proper location of each test can readily be determined, and the pressing done sucessfully.

Balzac in Church Pew.

The woman who had left a volume of Balzac in the church pew on prayer meeting night felt a little bit ashamed when she asked for the book, but the sexton assured her she need not feel that way. "Many things are left in the church," he said, "and some of them are a whole lot less respectable than Balzac. After each service the pews yield a strange grist of forgotten or discarded articles."

A Clever Bear.

A noted ethnologist observed in Vienna a bear deliberately making with his paw, a current in some water which was close to the bars of his cage so as to draw a piece of floating bread within his reach. These actions of the bear could hardly be attributed to instinct or inherited habit, as they would be of little use to an animal in a state of nature.

Quill Toothpicks.

The largest quill toothpick factory in the world is near Paris, where there is an annual product of 20,000,000 quills. The factory was started to make quill pens, but when these went out of general use it was converted into a toothpick mill.

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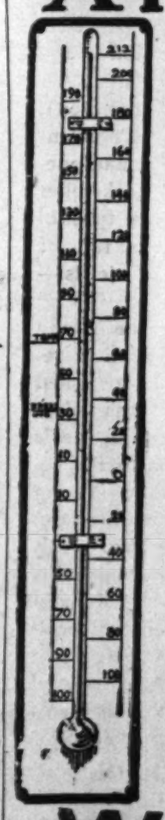

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DUTY OF THE BOARD

The Board of Education will be presented with a petition shortly, asking for leniency in the case of the supervising principal who was recently suspended for a violation of the rules of the school. In this particular case the Board of Education must do its duty, because if there was a gross violation of the rules, this is a case that merits and justifies a change in the office of this principal, and while the Board is looking about for a successor, The Bee is of the opinion that the transfer of Supervisor Bailey would also meet popular approval among the teachers and the people. The appointment of two new supervisors in the colored schools would tend to give the schools a healthy surrounding. Centainly the recently suspended supervisor doesn't want the Board to do what he refused to do. It was on the recommendation of this supervisor that two excellent teachers; one reduced and the other transferred and reduced in her grade, but not in pay.

The Board should take no notice of any petition which may be presented to it, so far as these two supervisors are concerned. The Bee has no personal feeling against either of the two supervisors, but it does believe that a change would tend to improve the condition of the schools. The best qualified teachers should be appointed to these two positions. Such teachers on the order of Miss Mattie Shadd: a man or a woman who will not imagine that teachers are mere servants, or brutes, but human beings.

Can such a supervisor be found in the colored schools? The Bee thinks that he can be found. Take a man or a woman from the ranks. For God's sake don't load the people with any more of the Harvard, Amherst, Yale and Dartmouth College graduates. They have been failures as principals and supervisors of our schools. They don't know the rudiments of the graded schools. The graduates of Howard University have been, and are more successful as teachers than graduates from all other institutions or colleges in the United States. Then again, don't give us those second rate "bosses."

WHAT'S BEFORE US

Colored Americans might as well come to the conclusion now, that they must be up and doing and preparing themselves for good citizenship. It makes no difference in what way the enemies of the race construe the utterances of Mr. Taft's speeche, There is one thing certain; that Mr. Taft intends to enforce the laws and the Constitution of the United States. All that is necessary for colored Americans to do is to educate themselves, get property and obey the laws. The good times are coming.

There is another danger confronting colored Aemicans, and that is an attempt of them to get away from the masses. Something must be done for the common people, no matter what their color or condition may be.

Unity of action and more race pride are absolutely necessary. Because "I cannot, and you can" is no reason that you should be abused and stabbed in the back to impede your progress. There is too much of it among certain colored people.

A BUSINESS LEAGUE

There should be a strong business league in this city that would command unlimited credit. Colored men in business are rather slow. They are in business as they are in everything else. They don't seem to think that it is important to them to make business an influential factor. There is a business league in this city, but it is not what it should be considering the number of colored business enterprises that exist in the city.

The banquet of the local Negro Business League, at the True Reformers' Hall, last Monday evening, was the beginning of what the future local league will be. If colored men could only take lessons from other business enterprises conducted by white men, they would be factors in the business world.

There should be a strong business league in this city, one that would be looked upon with admiration; and above everything else there should be unity of action.

AN INVESTIGATION

There is every reason to believe that an investigation of the colored public schools will show up some things that will be surprising to the Board of Education. There is every reason to believe that teachers are being unjustly imposed upon and a great deal of the strife in the colored eschools is due to bad administration of certain school officials. There are men in authority who have been told to do certain things which will undoubtedly cause a strife in the schools. This strife will continue until there are a few removals.

Just before the examination for the sewing department, several young ladies were told that they could not enter the examination for six months because they had failed in a previous examination.

The Bee is confident that no such a rule exists in the schools. The Bee is confident that such an order never was given by the Board of Education.

GOT WHAT WAS ASKED

At the recent dedication of the new Young Men's Christian Association building (colored), Washington, D. C., President Roosevelt spoke for one and one-half hours. John D. Rockefeller gave $25,000. Here's a type of the two men. One is full of words—the other of deeds.—Dallas, Texas, Express.

Now Brother King, the Young Men's Christian Association received just what it asked for. Mr. Rockefeller was asked for $25,000 and the Young Men's Christian Association will receive it, provided the Young Men's Christian Association can raise the other $25,000. Mr. Rockefeller has a string on to his gift, while the President delivered the goods asked, unequivocally and without reservation. The President gave good advice and more than what the Young Men's Christian Association asked. See!

REGISTER VERNON'S SPEECH.

The address of Register W. T. Vernon at the banquet of the Negro Business League last Monday evening, was one of the most interesting and eloquent speeches that one would desire to hear. Mr. Vernon received a great ovation when he was introduced by President Pittman. His advice was wholesome, and the feeling that he put into the address gave assurance that he was in earnest, in aiding to build up a strong league in this city, and to aid Dr. Washington in his great work to emancipate colored Americans. At the conclusion of his address the applause was deafening.

MR. JOHN F. COOK

It is to be regretted that the continued illness of Mr. John F. Cook, a member of the Board of Education, will prevent him from occupying a seat in the Board of Education. It is hoped, however, that Mr. Cook's successor will be a man who is popular with the people, and an educator.

It is hoped that the Judges of the Supreme Court will be careful in their selection of a successor to Mr. Cook. There are quite a number of good men from whom the Judges can make a selection, and will be a credit to the people in this city, and to our schools.

BUSINESS LEAGUE

(Continued from page 1.)

Dr. Charles H. Marshall, Willis Madden and W. T. Vernon.

TOAST

Delivered at the Washington Negro Business League Banquet, January 4, 1909, by J. A. Lankford, M. M. S., Architect and Builder, and Organizer of the Washington Negro Business League; also Vice President of the National Negro Business League.

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies, and Gentlemen:

My time is too limited for me to attempt to tell you in detail the inner and outer workings of the National Negro Business League. We will endeavor, however, to tell you in a general way something of this great national organization.

Early in the year 1900 Dr Booker T Washington sent out a great many letters, through all parts of the cuontry, to those who were actively engaged in business, telling them of a proposed meeting which would be held in Boston, Mass, August 23 and 24 of the same year. He acquainted them with its objects and purposes, and the proposition seemed at once to commend itself to the business men and women generally. So we find comin gtogether at the first meeting in Boston, thirty-four States, represented by over four hundred delegates. The meeting was so national in character and so well represented from a business and racial standpoint that it suggested to Mr. Washington and the delegates the name, "National Negro Business League." So the oragnization was formed with the following officers:

Booker T. Washington, president.
Giles B. Jackson, vice president.
T. Thomas Fortune, chairman of Executive Committee.
Gilbert C. Harris, treasurer.
E. A. Jackson compiler.
E. E. Cooper, secretary.

From this date on the "National Negro Business League" has been a national, practical organization, and an important factor in promoting and upbuilding our people throughout the United States. During its organization we have had nine meetings, as follows:

First, Boston, Mass.
Second, Chicago, Ill.
Third, Richmond, Va.
Fourth, Nashville, Tenn.
Fifth, Indanapols, Ind.
Sixth, New York, N. Y.
Seventh, Atlanta, Ga.
Eghth, Topeka, Kan.
Ninth, Baltimore, Md.

And we will have our next annual meeting in Louisville, Ky.

You will notice that all of these meetings have been in cities which are largely populated by Negroes, and every meeting has been a great success; not only as a great meeting from a business and social standpoint, but it has been a great active medium in bringing the people of both races together. It has brought the business and professional men of our race in personal contact with our white brethren from every business standpoint. We have had Governors of States, Mayors of the largest cities, and the leading newspaper and business men have met us in each of these cities and welcomed us to the hospitalities of the commonwealth and their business places. The press, both local and national, has given us special editorials; newspaperand magazine articles concerning the great work of the local and national leagues in the different States and cities, not only where we have had our national meetings, but where the local leagues have been prosperous and developed the commercial and business interest of the Negro.

At our New York meeting we had present Robert Ogden, Foster Peabody and John Wanamaker. These men represent the leading merchants and financiers of the country; Mr. Wanamaker is said to be the largest merchant in the world. They seemed glad to meet us and really encouraged us, and addressed the meetings along their special lines.

In Atlanta, Ga., and Baltimore, Md., the Democratic mayors welcomed us to their cities and threw open their doors in a commercial way.

In Baltimore the City Council made a special appropriation for the electrical decorations which were used in the thickly populated Negro sections that led to our national meeting place. They also put at our disposal the city's steamboat, which gave us a very enjoyable outing down the river. Without exception, every city where we have met has made us welcome and put every public convenience at our disposal. Our meeting at Nashville, Tenn., and at Topeka, Kansas, were held in the States capitol buildings.

The National League has not only brought about a better understanding and business relation among ourselves and with other races, but it has now practically revolutionzied the conditions among our mechanics, merchants, business and professional men. At our first meeting in Boston, a little over eight years ago, we had only two Negro banks. Tonight we have forty. Not fake banks, but real banks, which have qualified in the several States under the laws thereof, and every year at our national meeting we have, in conjunction, the meetings of the National Negro Bankers' Association. Without an exception, the thirty-eight Negro banks that have been organized in the past eight years have been directly traceable to our great national business movement. Our National League is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, and we have over five hundred regularly chartered local leagues scattered over the country. We have had about two thousand persons to register with the National League an dover twenty-five thousand connected with our local leagues. I truly and sincerely believe that the future development of the rave along every avenue depends greatly on the development of the race along business and financial lines. Just in proportion as the business man succeeds, the political, financial, educational and, I will also say, the social bars will be laid down which are now so strongly placed against us. We can study the history of all successful peoples, countries and nations through ancient, mediæval and modern history, and we will not find a signle people, race or nation who have reached the highest point of culture, refinement and educational development in any civilization who have not developed ciples which the National NegroBusiness League and its officers stand for, and present to the American people. Our league, with the help of God and ourselves, I truly believe with its many branches will blot out and eradicate the so-called Negro problem in this country. God has never prospered or blessed any race. nation, or people who have not loved, supported and honored their own industries and business enterprises. So let us go on, work on and pray o, for the success of the National Negro Business League, its many branchess, and the entire Negro race.

Mr. W. R. Griffin said:

I assure you that I appreciate the honor conferred upon me at this hour. As I look into your pleasant faces, and realize that I am to address business men and women representing every profession, I fully realize my inability to perform so honorable a duty. My mind runs back to the time when I had no thought, or hope, of addressing public gatherings upon such vital questions, that touch our daily lives, cross our paths of duty, effecting our homes, and entering into the very councils of our destiny.

Mr. Chairman my subject was not of my own choice, but the committee's selection. The organization that I represent is not in the class of ordinary organizations, as it is the maker of some of the representatives of some of the most prominent Societies and Insurance Companies of Virginia and the District of Columbia. My subject is "The power of organization as shown by the success of the True Reformers." To speak intelligently of any organization one must know its history in order to make a favorable impression. Before theTrueReformers were heard of nothing was on the stage of activity.

We live in a progressive age, many of us can remember when our homes were lighted with a candle; the wheel of progress brought kerosene which was a decided improvement over the candle.

Progress continued and the Gas light took the place of kerosene: this was accepted in the light of reason. The Gas light has been relegated to the rear to give place to the bright, dazling rays of electricity, recognized throughout the world as one of the greatest signs of progress.

We remember the stage coach and mule cars, have been surprised by the electric cars and traction lines. In this progressive age organizations like individuals must keep abreast of the times.

Not speaking disparagingly of the old line organizations, as they did effective work, but modern improvements have made them too slow.

The True Reformers,' through a combination of brain, muscle and money, carries with it all that a progressive man or woman need need to look for. It represents the latest improved method of war-fare carrying the swift messenger of death influentially to every opposing foe. We represent the New York Limited Express carrying what progessive men in all walks of life need to look for.

Such as hotel accomodations, safe depository for your money, if you want your son or daughter trained as a stenographer or typewriter, type setter, book binder, printer, bookkeeper, accountants, and cashiers of banks, as presidents and managers of Insurance companies: we have 125 men and women in training each day in the main office in Richmond, Virginia, and 375 other well-trained men and women representing our interest in other parts of this great country. We might compare this organization with a well regulated home, where father and mother have spent their earnings to qualify their sons and daughters for future usefulness and to face the battles of life. Some o them have gone forth and succeeded, and made their parents hearts glad, because o the appreciation shown by a grateful son; others less grateful, have gone out from their homes, built castles of their own and feel themselves too good to even acknowledge their parents or consider the source from which they came. We point with pride to the men and women representing other organizations who received their training at the hands of the True Reformers': Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, the President of the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, was once an employe of this organization; Emmit C. Burke, the cashier of the St. Luke Savings Bank was trained in the True Reformers' Bank for nine years; John Mitchell, the President of the Mechanics Saving Bank of Richmond, Virginia, was once a member of the board of directors of our bank. The President of the National Benefit Association was once a member of the board of directors of our bank, and filled the position I now hold.

The secretary and manager and assistant manager of the same association were employes of the True Reformers' for a number of years. The President of the Laborers Building and Loan Association, as well as the secretary and treasurer were once employes of this odrer. Professor John A. Lankford, who drew the plans for this building, no doubt will always feel grateful to the True Reformers' for the honor conferred; Mr. Samuel Bolling, the builder, will, I believe, be equally as grateful; my good friend Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, the President of this League, and one of the most noted Architects in this country, ill always feel grateful to the True Reformers because of me being an humble representative of the True Reformers' having had the honor to present his name to the officers of the Negro Development Company of the Jamestown Exposition as one of the competitors for the plans of the Negro uilding.

Dr. Francis, no doubt, will ever feel grateful, because in his Sanatarium on Pennsylvania Avenue, December 21, 1897, died Rev. W. W. Brown the founder of the organization that has trained an dassisted more men and women than any other organization operated by Negroes today. We represent three things: a combination of brains, muscle and money. With 60,000 men and women paying dues of from 55 to 60 cents per month; 15,000 men and women paying from $1.20 to $2.85 cents each, every quarter; 20,000 children paying 16 cents per month, each; with rents collected from fifty buildings monthly, with a bank with monthly deposits being made from more than three thousand different places.

Why have we been so successful? We think together, talk together, and move together; this demonstrates the power of organization. When we realize the power of organization, we will learn that a dollar coming to us from the man that toils in the ditch, and the woman in the kitchen, will shine as bright and will buy as much, as the same amount coming from a lawyer, doctor or professor. Our future success as business men depends upon our union of thought, brains, finance and actions.

We will build an industrious sentiment among the Negroes of this country; we will build a sentiment of combination, thrift, energy and progress, and we will make the waste places bloom and blossom like a rose: instead of sorrow and distress, we will send consolation and gladness from heart to heart and from house to house, and community to community, and instead of preparing a race for chain-gangs, prisons, work-houses and penitentiaries, we will be preparing a race of useful and honest men and women, for industrious husbands and wives; citizens that will build happy homes and make glad the hearts of any and every community.

Register Vernon said:

Honorable W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury, who is a life member of the organization made a very eloquent speech, which was roundly applauded by the assembled gentlemen.

In part the Register spoke as follows:

"I congratulate myself upon having been present at this your annual banquet, and heard the splendid report of work done by your local organization. It is a source of gratification to me as it must be to every one who wishes well for his people to observe the material progress of the people of this community.

You but demonstrate the capacity of the race to acquire and hold, and this demonstration is but a type of that which I understand is going on wherever the Business League is known.

Aside from a racial interest in the work of the organization—as a life member I feel an especial interest in its growth and development. Though occupying a position of a political character. I have had some opportunity to observe the certainty of business success and its guarantee for the future, when weighed against any other success, so liable to fluctuation because of external agencies.

The man who builds well along business lines, gains confidence in himself, confidence of his community, and has an assured footing for the future.

I have been much impressed with the statistics given of the growth along business lines of the race during the past forty years. Especially has this phase of our racial development taken on concrete form and been made more apparent since the bringing together of the business men of the race through the medium of the Business League.

A most inestimable service has been rendered the Negro and the country at large, since his material development is but a part of his

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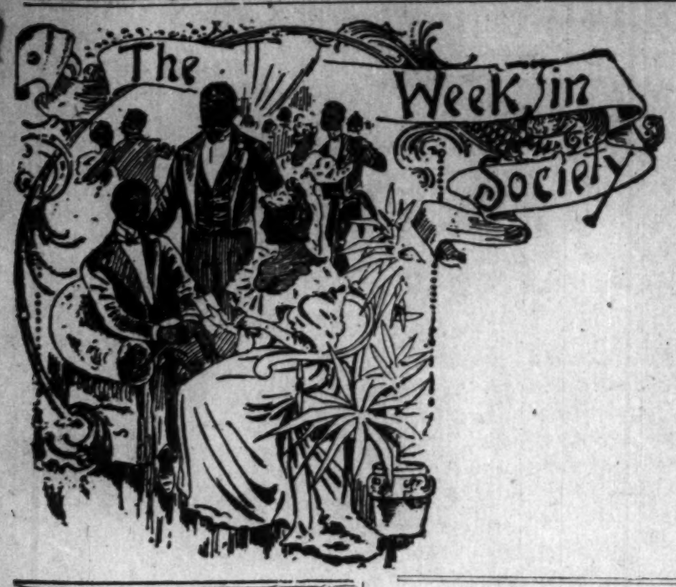

Miss Lillian Fuqua arrived in Washington last Tuesday. She was the guest of Miss Beatriz L. Chase. Miss Fuqua left last Thursday afternoon at 4:15 for her home, Lynchburg, Va., much pleased with Washington and her visit.

The New Year promises to be a banner year for the drug firm of Board and McGuire 1912½ 14th St. N. W. judging from their report of constant increase in business and prescription work. This firm has won the confidence of the physician, the patient and the public in general.

The ladies of the Protective League, Association No. 1, gave their annual New Year's reception at the residence of Miss S. J. Carter, 1102 18th Street northwest, Friday, January 1. Mrs. M. B. Wilson, President; Miss Sarah Rose, secretary; Miss J. Harmon, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Rachael Robinson, treasurer. The reception was largely attended by many of their friends and acquaintances. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with palms and flowers and the ladies gowns were handsome.

Mr. R. D. Venning, of the Pension Office, spent the holidays in Philadelphia.

Mr. John H. Paynter, of the Treasury Department has returned to this city from New Castle, Delaware, having been there on business.

As usual everybody meets every body else around the Soda Fountain at the Board and McGuire Pharmacy on 14th Sts., between T & You Sts.

Attorney W. C. Martin left yesterday for Philadelphia, where he will appear Monday and Tuesday next before the National Committe of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, on professional business. This National Executive Committee of the Order is presided over by Grand Master W. L. Houston, who was reelected by the 15th B. M. C., which convened in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September last.

While in Philadelphia, Mr. Martin will be the guest of his nephew, Mr. A. S. Martin, and his nieces, Mesdames Flora Poindexter, Sarah J. Ware and Rosa M. Payne and Misses Harriet and Jeannette Martin.

Miss Elise Johnson, of New York, daughter of Dr. Johnson, of New York, is in the city the guest of Miss Josephine Wormly.

Miss Ida Brown, of Le Droit Park, who has been employed in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, will be married to Mr. George Hilton, of New York, January 16. They will live in New York. Wedding is to be private.

Major C. A. Fleetwood has been spending two weeks holiday in Philadelphia, Pa, his old home. He met the boys and they gave him a royal time.

Miss Mayme F. Bennett has been ill for the past week.

Miss Virginia Williams, who has been sick has improved, and is pursuing her studies again.

Miss Beatriz L. Chase, and her brother Master W. Calvin Chase, Jr., have returned from Richmond, Va., highly pleased with their trip.

Miss Geneva B. Maxfield, who has been ill with pleurisy, is able to be up again, greatly to the gratification of her many friends.

Miss Clarice Jones, daughter of Attorney Thomas L. and Mrs. Mary E. Jones, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, left the city Sunday evening to continue her studies. Miss Clarice has had many social functions tendered her while in the city.

Mr. Jesse Foster, who spent a few days in Philadelphia, Pa., last week, returned home Monday.

Mesdames Francis S. Sneed, Bessie C. Johnson and Misses Mary E. Brown and Susie A. Cornish held a reception at 1704 Florida Avenue, northwest, New Year's day, from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m. Callers were numerous, and the ladies gowns were handsome.

TEA TO THE BISHOP

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Overton, of 1111 21st Street northwest, gave a small tea at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, December 31. The tea was given in honor of the new Bishop of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, J. W. Smith, A.M. D.D., and the new pastor of John Wesley, African Methodist Episcopal Zion church Rev. C. C. Alleyne.

Those present at the tea were: Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. C. E. Allyne, Mr. and Mrs. Alleyne, the father and mother of Dr. Alleyne, Hon. and Mrs. John C. Dancy, Dr. S. L. Corrothers, Dr. W. H. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. William Tyson and Mr. G. M. Terrell.

THE CHRONOTHANATOLETRON

"The Chronathanatoletron," a dramatic review of history, depicting the wonderful operations of an invention supposed to have the power of annihilating time and bringing the dead back to life, was given a highly satisfactory rendition Monday evening by the Fleur-de-Lis Club, of the M Street High School, at True Reformers' Hall. The auditorium was filled to capacity by the parents, friends and admirers of the young ladies who took the several characters. The difficult parts were all creditably sustained and the impersonations of the famous actors in ancient, and modern history, were remarkably true to the accepted standards in facial resemblance, costume of their period, and personal mannerisms. The well-balanced cast was as follows:

	Misses
Inventress	Viola Menard
Genius of the 19th Century	Jessie Janifer
Sarah	Lilliam Anderson
Pharaoh's Daughter	Sarah Anderson
Cornelia, Roman Matron	Hattie DeVille
Cleopatra	Antoinette Brooks
Queen Elizabeth	Sadie Sumner
Mother Bickerdick	Cordelia Murdock
Cecelia	Ruth Morris
Agneis of Bologna	Norma Sewall
Hypatia	Harriet McClellan
Pocahontas	Mary Cook
Joan of Arc	Madge Wright
Sappho	Beatrice Lofton
Martha Washington	Anoziene McKinley
Priscilla	Evangeline Wiseman

Time—Latter part of 20th Century.

The performance was given under the immediate direction of Professor Parker N. Bailey, of the M Street High School. The officers of the Fleur-de-Lis Club are: President, Sarah E. Richardson; Lulu Mayer, vice president; secretary, Jessie Janifer; assistant secretary, Madge Wright; treasurer, Sadie Sumner. The general management was in the hands of Mr. Garnett C. Wilkinson. An enjoyable "hop"" followed the drama. A goodly sum was netted, which will go toward the improvement of the school's gymnasium.

FRESHMAN MEDICAL CLASS OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY OBSERVES THE DAY.

Emancipation exercises were held last week in the Andrew Rankin Chapel of Howard University by the members of the freshman medical class. These exercises were held in commemoration of the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln, which was issued January 1, 1863.

It is the custom of the colored schools throughout the South, including Walden, Fisk, Roger Williams, Atlanta and Clark universities, to celebrate this anniversary on the first day of each year. This is the first year that the celebration has been concurred in at Howard University.

The program today was as follows: Introductory remarks, L. C. Downing, president of class; reading of emancipation proclamation, R. G. McGuire; Lincoln's Gettysburg oration, S. F. Phillips; excerpts from Lincoln's stories, P. M. Bell; solo, Thomas E. Jones, Miss Emma Carroll, accompanist; address, "Abraham Lincoln—a typical American," C. Eugene Allen, of Atlanta Baptist College; oration, "A Vision of the Future," Christopher C. Lathers of the Washington, D. C., bar; address, Ferdinand D. Whitby.

The program was interspersed with music by the Lyric Orchestra. Dr. W. P. Thirkield delivered the invocation.

The officers of the class are: President, L. C. Downing; vice president, Mr. Harris; secretary, T. E. Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. Colston; treasurer, Miss Ashborne; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Gregg; chaplain, F. D. Whitby.

The committee in charge was composed of Messrs. Armstrong, Leconte, Cook, Curtis, Beck, Walker Johnson, Kyle, Murray, Robert H. Harrison, Wiggens, Lyons, Mitchell, Land, Porter and S. G. Bullock.

The good people of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church are preparing for a. fair or bazaar upon a large scale, to be held early in February.

KENILWORTH NEWS

Mrs. Maria W. Hayson gave a luncheon Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Fannie Cornish, who is now spending the holidays with her mother. Miss Cornish is teaching in Moorestown, New Jersey. Those present at luncheon were: Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. Irma West, Miss Rea Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Thompson, and daughter, of Massachusetts.

19th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

There was a large crowd present at 19th Street, last Sunday morning. Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks preached a most eloquent sermon. Seated in the pulpit was Register W. T. Vernon and Chaplain W. L. Gladden. Rev. Brooks paid a most eloquent tribute to Register Vernon, which seemed to be highly appreciated by the large congregation present.

HELPING THE POOR.

Miss Della M. Shaw, superintendent of the Mission Sunday School at 2223 G Street northwest, gave an entertainment and Christmas tree for her pupils, New Year's evening.

At 2:30 o'clock the same day she prepared and sent a nice dinner to a number of poor and aged people, among whom was a woman 104 years of age. In her splendid work of helping the children and the poor of her section, she was assisted by Miss Lucinda C. Allen, Mrs. Mattie Johnson and Miss Maud Wade. About forty little children attended the entertainment and each one got a bag of candy and nuts and a present. They were a happy lot of little folks. The Sunday School openes each Sunday at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Miss Shaw is the president of the Missionary Society of the Friendship Baptist Church. She is arranging to open a sewing class for small poor girls. He work is praiseworthy and should receive the generous support of the public.

The Business League

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country's prosperity; and for that reason, every encouragement given this movement, but lends added strength to the race and contributes to the betterment of our national life.

Your are especially to be congratulated upon having organized the business men of the District of Columbia. This is a city which brings together the thousands from all over the world, who with diversified interests, political and otherwise would naturally, in some measure lack that cohesiveness so necessary in the building up of a permanent, towering business.

For that reason this gathering tonight, and the work of the promoters of the local league speaks volumes and indicates a greater amount of energy, tact, patience and determination than is required in the average community made up by a population, less liable to change.

Where the patrons come and go, you must of a necessity depend upon a transient trade to insure success—this it would seem would always create an element of uncertainty for the business men so environed, and in some measure prevent the launching out into greater ventures in the prosecution of his business. Then you have entailed conservatism, bordering on timidity, which would most likely prevent that amount of success possible under different circumstances.

Wise indeed must be those men among you, who are sufficiently conservative to not overreach in the matter of investment, and at the same time sufficiently progressive to keep pace with the demands of these intensely commercial times.

My observation would lead me to believe that in no city of this country is competition more rife than here. Entitled to our respect and approval then, are these men who here succeed in a legitimate business. Every encouragement should be given you as an organization and as individuals for the success of the work with which you are meeting.

Every man who strives for a leadership does well when he extends a for the business and industrial prinfealty to his race and demonstrate his belief in the possibility of the race than when he approves your efforts by his words and by his acts.

The race has need of its business men. Any people whose sole accomplishemnt is based upon the hazard of political fortune, or who depend entirely upon their professional men to make a place for the race, will find themselves on a sandy foundation, and when the storms come and the winds beat upon this race, its house will fall.

No man is so politically independent as that man who has an assured income and who can express his opinion untrammelled, without fear of being reduced to want or bringing distress to his loved ones. In the various communities of this country, the Negro business men are more and more becoming factors in the political life of the race. To these men the temptation to be venal does not come. They are above want and can put the temptation behind them.

I wouuld not have you understand me to say that the possession of property or money can take the place of an upright character. because venality in politics is not necessarily limited to the poor—however, removing the necessity for yielding to temptation is a step forward toward the purification of politics.

The successful Negro business man can stand out for all the rights of the race and uncompromisingly demand that justice be done his people.

This attitude, when known by the masses of the people, bu tends to popularize him, and his leadership eventuates as a consequence.

The next step is natural—that is the demand of his community or State for consideration. These demand accorded and his place as a leader suggests his selection as the logical consequence.

There are instances when these successful business men, by reason of their diversified interests have found it necessary to decline positions of trust and honor. In each case these declinations have done the race no harm, but have brought to the notice of the country, the preeminent success with which the individual, a type of the race has met.

It has followed almost invariably that such men have been enabled to shape the policies for the betterment of the race, and in some cases to suggest who should represent the race in such positions. This all demonstrates the power possible for the Negro business man all over the country.

We should emphasize this work. We have long since learned that racial development must proceed along every line, exemplified in the career of the white race. The man of means who touches elbows with his kind, regardless of race, will respect the display of business acumen, financial integrity and real worth of his associate.

I am prepared to unhesitatingly and uncompromisingly commend your work and wish for you the support and endorsement of this community. If this Business League has for its purpose the building up of your present enterprises and the formation of new ones;if it shall have for its aim the accumulation of realty holdings, and the financial independence of those whom it seeks to benefit, then no man can reasonably oppose it, and every man should encourage it."

Chaplain W. W. E. Gladden, of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, has been the guest of Register Vernon for several days. While here he took in all the sights of the city and met many prominent representatives of the race. He left the city yesterday for Madison Barracks, N. Y., where his regiment is stationed.

Register Vernon is preparing to make an extended lecture tour of the West. He has been compelled to decline many invitations to speak in various sections of the country on account of his itinerary having been made up for the season.

AFTERMATH OF THE BANQUET.

President Pittman was no novice as a presiding officer.

Attorney Jones was granted leave to have his speech printed.

The portion of ex-President Lankford's speech that was not delivered, was ordered to be printed in The Bee.

Mrs. Anderson looked like Queen Elizabeth.

No one enjoyed the occasion more than Mr. Miles C. Maxfield. He was willing to purchase anything for the Negro race.

Dr. Francis was all smiles and was willing to take it all.

Mrs. Pittman was in a happy mood. She never kept her eyes off of Sydney.

Mrs. Dabney has an eye like an eagle. Her carriage is dignified.

Attorney Frisby enjoys olives.

Attorney Jones had just been to dinner.

John Lewis may be a laboring man, but no speech surpassed his Monday night.

Mrs. Lankford took things quietly.

Mrs. Daniel Freeman is still in possession of her beauty and simplicity.

Dr. Charles H. Marshall never lost an opportunity.

Dr. and Mrs. George Cabannis were among the happy ones.

Artist Scurlock always had a bland smile. He must have been in a courting humor.

Attorney Taylor looked like Nord Alexis, of Hayti.

Vandykes very much become Architect Lankford.

MOTHER-IN-LAWS.

Editor of The Bee:

I have decided to ask you to permit me to ask through the columns of your paper, why mother-in-laws are such impediments to husband and wife. Of course there are a few exceptions to the rule, and a very few. Young married women allow their mothers to influence them too much in the conduct of their household duties. Some mother-in-laws are too meddlesome for their own good.

The young married woman who is doing well is easily persuaded by her mother and before they know it they are in a fuss with their husbands to boss them or to dictate to Many of them tell their daughters that they would not permit their husbands to boss them or to dicntate to them as to what they should do or should not do. Nothing seems to satisfy the wife, and when it is too late the wife is on the street.

There is only one way to make a home happy. The wife should be congenial and do everything to please her husband. Some women are never satisfied with anything. They take their husbands earnings under the pretense of spending it in their own home, when upon investigation they are spending all that they earn and what their husbands give them and are spending it in some one else's family. If the husband should speak to them and endeavor to persuade them to look after their own homes, they declare that their husbands are cruel and abusive.

The married woman has not the least idea how the husband has to hustle to keep the wife looking well, and to give the children the necessaries of life. In nine cases out of ten the mother-in-law is to blame. They are fussy and tricky, but the innocent can never see the faults of a fussy mother who has been a failure herself and who is not happy until the daughter follows in the wake.

It is best for young married people to live to themselves because it is a hard job for two married women to reside in the same house at the same time.

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And our plainly marked prices will prove to you that nothing could be saved by going to cash stores."

THE BEST IN TOWN

Buy your butter and eggs from the Elgin Creamery, 9th and Louisiana Avenues, northwest.

TUSKLESS ELEPHANTS.

Ceylon the Only Part of the World Where They Exist.

What a sight for a Ceylon elephant hunter would be the first view of a herd of African elephants—all tuskers! It is a singular thing that Ceylon is the only part of the world where the male elephants have no tusks; they have miserable little grubbers projecting two or three inches from the upper jaw and inclining downward.

Nothing produces either ivory or horn in fine specimens througout Ceylon. Although some of the buffaloes have tolerably fine heads, they will not bear a comparison with those of other countries. The horns of the native cattle are not above four inches in length.

The elk and the spotted deers antlers are small compared with deer of their size in India. This is more singular, as it is evident from the geological formaton that at some remote period Ceylon was not an island, but formed a portion of the main land. It is thought there must be elements wanting in the Ceylon pasturage for the formation of ivory.—Ceylon Manual.

Smokeless Coal.

A London inventor claims to have discovered a process for producing smokeless coal, apparently by distillation of coal at a low temperature. This, after distillation, is said to deposit a very brilliant substance, the heating properties of which are far greater than those of the original coal, and which is absolutely free from smoke and dirt. The inventor contends that efforts to overcome the smoke plague have hitherto been unsuccessful because they have been made in the wrong direction, and that by the extraction of the smoke-producing material in coal befcre being burned, he has been successful in producing a smokeless coal.

Electrocuting An'mals.

The slaughter of animals for food by electrocution is being experimented by Dr. Leduc, a French scientist, who has been conducting his investigations in the French abbattoirs. He has been using the intermittent low tension currents and says that he is satisfied that the system is painless, the central functions of perception being first destroyed and then those of circulation and respiration, so that there is neither suffering nor reaction in the animals thu killed. The doctor is endeavoring to devise some piece of apparatus by which the killing of cattle may be accomplished by electricity with economy and celerity.

The Shy Man.

Women show no mercy to the shy man, for he stands outside of the compass of convention. Could he break out all might be saved; the man might be permanently cured. But he cannot. He has been brought up to respect convention. His muscles may be of steel, his heart of fire, but in his soul the spirit of diffidence holds him in a vice. In a drawing room he stands gaping, quaking, a prey to introspective torment—he who would perhaps storm a rampart with a triumphant smile o his lips.—London Observer.

Hanging Pictures Dangerous.

"Railroad casualties receive such wide publicity," said an insurance man, "that there is a common belief on the part of the public that one is more liable to accidents while travelling than when living the simple life in the confines of his home. "As a matter of cold fact, statistics show that accident insurance companies pay more money to people who get hurt hanging pictures or taking stoves apart than they do to the victims of head-on collisions. It sounds strange, but it's the truth." —Kansas City Journal.

Three Men to Move Book.

There lies in the British Museum the largest book yet printed, a colossal atlas of engraved ancient Dutch maps. It takes three men to move it from the giant book case in which it is stored in the library of the museum. It is bound in leather, magnificently decorated, and is fastened with clasps of solid silver, richly gilt. It is nearly seven feet high and weighs 800 pounds and was presented to King Charles II. before he left Holland in the year 1660.

Valuable East African Forest.

The Colonial Office recently sent out an expert to report on the Kenia forest, in the East Africa protectorate. He finds the forest extends 287 miles long by eight miles broad, and comprises 1,000,000 acres of timber. Taking the average value of the 2½d. per cubic foot, this works out to £23 per acre, or a total value for the whole forest of £23,000,000.—London Tit-Bits.

Dead Historians.

I for my part believe in the dead historians. I glory in the possession of some hundreds of volumes by them. A great deal of cant is talked and written on this subject. There is an idea in some minds that a book on history to be good must be new. In nine cases out of ten the new book is a common-place re-statement of facts that were better presented by an older writer.—The Sphere.

A Man and a Woman.

A man's idea of being stylishly dressed is to wear something in which he looks atrociously bad; a woman's to wear something no other woman can duplicate.

STRATEGICAL USES OF TAILS.

The Clever Little Weasel and His Means of Defense.

Take another of our animals, a fierce little weasel, clad in summer in a coat of brown, in winter turning white, but always with a jet black tip to the tail. The ermine, as it is incorrectly called in its winter coat, has an easy time of it, sneaking upon the mice and birds upon which it preys, but when a hawk takes after it in an open field in the sunlight or an owl in the moonlight, it would have but short shrift with all its sinuous leaping, were it not that the black tail tip is so conspicuous that it constantly attracts the eye and allows the pure white of the body to be confused with the snow. Even when we place a dead weasel on the snow and look at it from a distance we realize how true this is, and how valuable must be the pencil tufts of black hairs to this little vermin who spends his life in hunting or being hunted.—The Outing Magazine.

Everyone of Them a Bird.

A current newspaper item is as follows: "The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia, has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge; her first husband was named Robin; her second husband, Sparrow; and the present one's name is Quayle. There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow, and three little Quayles in the family. One grandfather was a Swan, and another was a Jay; but he's dead and now a bird of Paradise.

"They live on Hawk-ave., Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who wrote this article is a lyre bird and an interesting relative of the family."

Arctic Dog Life.

Nowhere in the world has the dog such unrestricted right of way as in our most northerly possession—Alaska. In winter, when the more than 60,000 square miles of territory are sealed up in solid ice, dogs are almost the sole means of getting from place to place—in fact, they seem necessary to life itself.

The aristocrats of Arctic dog life are the mail teams in the service of the United States Government. They are to-day a superior breed to the dogs employed some half dozen years ago before great gold discoveries demanded increased mail service.—St. Nicholas.

Names that Don't Name.

Many chemical names convey no exact idea of the things they stand for. Oil of vitriol is no oil, neither are oils of turpentine and kerosene. Copperas is an iron compound and contains no copper. Salts of lemon is the extremely poisonous oxalic acid. Carbolic acid is not an acid but an alcohol. Cobalt contains none of that metal but arcensic. Soda water has no trace of soda, and sugar of lead has no sugar; cream of tartar has nothing of cream, nor milk of lime any milk. German silver has no silver and blacklead no lead.

Dogs Around Blacksmith Shops.

Two or three dogs are nearly always to be found loafing about every blacksmith shop. This fact is so well recognized that detectives when sent out after valuable dogs that have been lost invariably visit first all the blacksmith shops in the neighborhood. The reason why dogs visit the blacksmith shops is that they love inordinately the odor and the taste of burning hoofs. They sniff the odor as a woman sniffs a rose, and they eat the hoof parings as a gourmet eats truffles.—Minneapolis Journal.

Supply of Gold.

It is mainly from Africa, America and Australia that the world draws its supply of gold, some $400,000,000 worth won regularly every year. Africa leads with about $150,000,000; next comes the United States with about $95,000,000; Australia ranks third with some $85,000,000, while Russia, both in Europe and Asia, Mexico, Canada and several other countries, make up the remainder.

A Long Sleep.

An astonishing trance case has come to light in Berlin. A clerk, aged 46—a healthy normal man—suddenly fell asleep in June 1904. All efforts to awaken him were unsuccessful and the sleeper since then has never opened his eyes. He breathes regularly and swallows his food mechanically, but is insensible to the severest attempts to arouse him.

Lace Curtains.

Lace window curtains should always be soaked for an hour in cold water to which a little borax has been added, before being put into warm suds. This gets out the smoky smell that is sometimes so noticeable in curtains that have have been used in a city.

Life in Germany.

Every one who has travelled in Germany is familiar with the word "verboten"—forbidden. He finds it is verboten to almost everything which he thinks he has been accustomed to do in the United States.—Chicago Standard.

A Valuable Relic.

A thirteenth century copper and gilt ciborium, supposed to have come from Malmesbury abbey, was sold by auction in London for $30,000.

ANTIQUITY OF GLASS.

Made in Egypt Thousands of Years Before the Christian Era.

Though the art of making glass of certain kinds is very old, spectacles had to wait on the discovery or invention of some method that would produce it perfectly transparent. Specimens of glass have been found in the Egyptian tombs that are more than 4,000 years old, and glass bottles are represented on tombs at least 1,500 years earlier.

In Mesopotamia the art of making glass has been [illegible] least 2,000 years [illegible] as of ancient [illegible], and [illegible] while [illegible]

[illegible] were not [illegible].

That window glass, such as is now in current use, was slow to gain currency is shown by the little panes in many old buildings in Europe. They are usually round, or nearly so, and so small that one of them can easily be held between the tips of the fingers and the thumb.

Cards for Everything.

So thoroughly has the card index or catalogue become a part of modern business that practically no activity is without it. Brides keep the list of presents on cards. Pastors are adopting the card index to keep the name and addresses of their parishioners. Not long ago the complete list of members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of New York was transferred to cards. There are a million names. Owners of stables and kennels keep the records of their animals on cards instead of in books. Writers now keep cards on which they put down "experiences" or "episodes" to be filed away and to be used for material when they get down to writing.—Sat. Evg. Post.

Followers of Mark Twain.

The latest addition to the fresh air fiends seems to be included in the young ambulance surgeons. In spite of near-to zero weather it is common to see one of these young men responding to a hurry call without a hat, and it is quite as common a sight to see them, even at night time, when it always seems colder than in the day time, seated on the rear seat of the ambulance, attired in white duck trousers. Doubtless it is only a part of the exuberance of youth, but duck trousers on a night when the mercury is trying to push the bottom out of the thermomter do seem a trifle out of place.

Saving Paper.

The price of paper has increased so much in the last few years that we may have to do our writing on bark or celluloid. But here is a pointer: One of the big firms in New York, employing 7,000 people, has a way of assisting you to save letter paper, and at the same time serves itself in a matter of file and record. In writing to a customer, for instance, only one side of the sheet is used. Sheets are made of many sizes, to fit the length of all correspondence. At the bottom is printed in blue ink: "If necessary to reply, please do so on the back of this letter. This is a clever idea.

Good Sentries.

"Silly goose" is an expression which should be used by the extremely ignorant alone. No bird requires more patience to shoot with gun or camera, especially the latter. When feeding you will find flocks varying in size on open ground, and nearly always on such ground that a stalk is impossible. On the outskirts of these flocks you will always find sentries with heads erect, eyes and ears alert, the slightest sound or movement and you are detected—true descendants from the ancient preservers of Rome. —Country Life.

Prince Bismarck.

Bismarck himself, was a tremendous smoker, eater, and drinker, and would stride about the house followed by his dogs. The pipes and long cigars which he smoked in a day would have killed an ordinary man. He loved to pour into a huge stein a bottle of champagne and then a bottle of porter, and drink the whole mixture off at a single draft. Bismarck said of himself: "If there were many eaters like me in Prussia the state could not exist. I should have to emigrate."—P. T. O.

World's Greatest Wonder.

"What is really the greatest natural wonder on earth?" It is easy to answer now, says the Travel Magazine, since the stupendous falls of the Zambesi River have been discovered; one of the world's mightiest rivers, two miles wide, falling a sheer 420 feet. Niagara is only half a mile wide and 153 feet high, so that it figures as a mere cascade in comparison.

Another Way to Put It.

It might not be incorrect to say that the man who was smothered in a bin of oats, died from an overdose of breakfast food.

The Man With the Gun.

Trouble is always waiting round the corner for the man who has a gun in his pocket.

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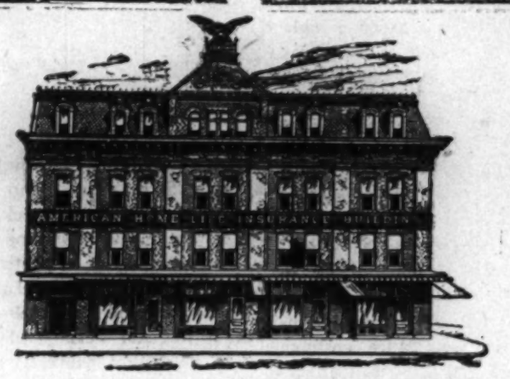

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There are 5,499 Negroes employed here in Washington by the Government alone, and these 5,499 Negroes draw salaries aggregating $3,044,404. These more than three millions of dollars are spent right here in Washington, but scattered among the hundreds of tradesmen Is this amount of money worth bidding for? It certainly is, and not even the largest stores in this city would refuse to get the big end of it did they but realize how much money the Negroes are really spending.

Now The Bee is the only Negro publication in this city. It stands without a rival or competitor, and covers the field like a blanket. If a few of the merchants in this city will patronize the advertising columns of The Bee, presenting the attractive bargains they may have, these Negroes — these 5,499 Negroes who draw annually from the Government over three millions of dollars — will assume that by patronizing a publication edited and operated by one of their race that such firms desire and deserve their patronage. And such firms will receive the bulk of these over thre milions of dollars received and spent by the Negroes of Washington.

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Now is the time to advertise in The Bee, the newspaper that goes into every Negro home in Washington. Remember, merchants of Washington, it's what advertising pays you, not what it costs.

Chance for Much Trouble.

The Sultan of Turkey recently paid $400,000 for a diamond. If he doesn't wish to have trouble with his harem he will insist on using the stone himself.

Danger in New York Roads.

There is an average of seven car collisions a day on the steam, subway, elevated and surface railways of New York.

Post Office Pens.

Mustard manufacturers grow rich, we are told, not by the quantity of mustard consumed, but by that which is wasted and left on the diners' plates. The saying is recalled by an interesting statement made by the Postmaster-General as to the number of pens supplied for use by the public in the post offices of the country. It seems that last year the total was 1,250,000.

Fireless stoves, or self-cookers, as they are variously known have been in use in Germany for a number of years. These coikers are used as follows: After a thorough heating the food to be stewed or boiled is placed inside the box, sealed and left for a sufficient time, when it is opened, and the food cooked by the retained heat, is ready to serve.

Bank of England's First Safe.

In the Bank of England's museum may be seen the old oak chest which was the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street's first strong-room. It is a little larger than a common seaman's chest and in this the bank stored its cash, notes and valuable papers.—Strand Magazine.

As to Butter.

Great Britain consumes more butter than any other nation. The average per head is 13 pounds per year, as against eight pounds in Germany, four pounds in France and two pounds in Russia.

"Stung."

The word "stung" has now come to mean such a variety of things in the vernacular that the busy little bee, the wasp, the hornet, and their ilk, have especial need to think twice before they act.

THE NIGHT RIDERS AIDED KENTUCKY

Original Organization Did Away with Toll Gates and Brought About Good Roads.

COMPANIES DISOBEYED THE LAW

Crimes Committed Now Are by Gangs Hiding Behind Name of Old Association Which Caused the Abolishment of the Turnpike Companies.

Louisville, Ky.—There has not been, it is said, a crime of mob violence committed in this State, in Tennessee, or, in fact, in any of the Southern States or in any of the Middle Western States in the past several years, with the exception of the occasional lynching of a negro by a mob, that has not been shouldered on the Night Riders.

The Night Riders were an organized body back in 1900, when the State Legislature passed a law doing away with private ownership of State roads. For months the turnpike corporations refused to obey the State laws. They appealed to the State Supreme Court, then to the Court of Appeals, and lastly to the United States Supreme Court, and on each appeal they would get a stay, which made it possible for them to continue running their toll gates and charging two cents a mile for every horse or vehicle that passed over their property.

Because of the law's delay the condition of the roads became impassible. The owners of the turnpikes would not expend one cent for improvements as long as there was question of their losing their property by a final court decision, but they did not cease to mulct travellers. All this while they refused to accept the fair price offered by the State for their roads.

It was then that the Night Riders were organized. The organization spread from Shelby County to every part of the State, and one night in the late fall men rode from their homes and began burning toll gates. There is no record of a toll gate keeper being injured unless he showed resistance. Then he was taken from the house, and if he continued to be defiant he was flogged. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the tole gate keeper was glad to give up his job and let the gate burn.

Night Riders undoubtedly brought the turnpike corporations to terms. There was not a toll gate left standing in the State of Kentucky by the following spring. Had the taxpayers and farmers been contented to allow the law to take its never ending course the chances are that toll gates would still be holding up travellers on the State roads to-day, and that the roads would have been worse now than they were when the Night Riders became organized.

The Kentucky roads now are among the best in the United States. There are not millions of dollars of watered stock on which to pay interest, and the State tax has improved them and even made it possible for almost all of them to be sprinkled with oil during the summer season, thus laying the dust.

The success of the Night Riders in the war against toll gates led to an organization of a similar character when the fight was waged against the American Tobacco Company. But out of this last organization there grew a body of violent men, who live on excitement and thrive on lawlessness. Then sprang up, too, lawless bodies of men in many of the Southern and Middle Western States, who chose to call themselves Night Riders, though the probabilities are that 99 per cent. of the men didn't own so much as a horse to ride.

If a list of the original body of Night Riders could be had the chances are that the names of many men who figured in the operations of the old Ku-Klux gang would be found, and if this list were sifted down it would show that many property-owners and men of prominence had resorted to violence because of their belief that action was their only safeguard against ruin, and that a defiance of law had to be met by a like defiance.

Psyche Knot a Life Saver.

Altoona, Pa.—Having washed and dried her hair, Mary Housner, aged twenty-two, did it up in a Psyche knot and walked out on the front porch. While she leaned against the railing it gave way and she was precipitated backward, head first, ten feet to the sidewalk, alighting on her head. The coiffure broke the impact of her head against the flagstones, but she did not entirely escape injury.

She suffered a slight concussion of the brain, but recovered consciousness a few hours later.

Old Age Common in Rochefort.

Paris, France.—Rochefort seems to be a great town for longevity. Investigation of the records reveals the fact that during the last century from January 1, 1801, to December 31, 1900, 144 persons in Rochefort attained the age of 90 or over. Two of these were centenarians, one reaching the age of 103, and the other dying at 106.

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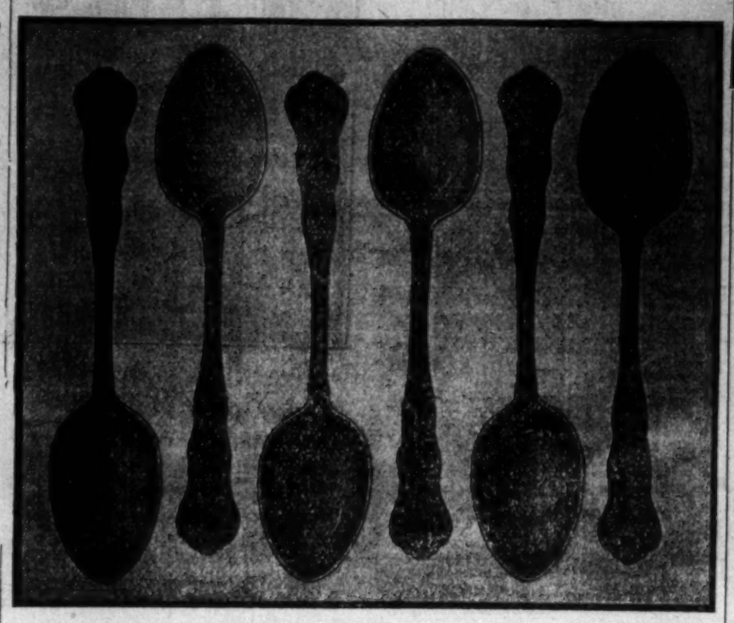
This Spendid Six-Piece Set of W. H. Rogers' Guaranteed Silver Ware Free to the Washington Bee Subscribers.



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The Bee wishes to add two thousand new subscribers to its circulation within the next three months, and to accomplish this is offering these beautiful sets free to each person who will bring or mail to The Bee office. one new subscription paid one year in advance.

Do not delay. Cut out this coupon and mail it today.
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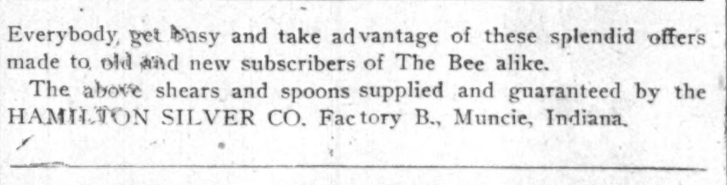
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E. VOIGT.

If you want something in thhe jewelry line, Catholic Bibles, or anything as a Christmas gift to friends, read the advertisement of E. Voigt in another column of The Bee. This is one of the most reliable places in the city, where you may obtain the genuine article.

Mr. Voigt is a man of the most accommodating disposition. Treat him right and he will do likewise.

HOUSE AND HERRMAN.

If you want to purchase Christmas and New Year household goods, and if you cannot satisfy yourself elsewhere, give House and Herrman a call. This establishment is one of the largest in the city. Theer is no excuse for the housewife; she is in a position to call and make her own selection.

Every husband should see that his wife is satisfied before the beginning of the New Year.

This Offer of The Washington Bee Will Appeal Especially to Women

SELF-TIGHTENING SHEARS

A FIVE-YEAR GUARANTEE CERTIFICATE ACCOMPANIES EACH PAIR OF THESE SHEARS
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If this pair of Shears breaks or in any way becomes defective within five years from date of purchase, they will be replaced with a new pair without cost.

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Enclosed herewith please find $2.00 for which please send me for one year, The Washington Bee, and at once, free, postage paid, one pair of Self-Tightening Shears, as advertised.

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GET THE BEST.

Old Purissima Whiskey is a compound of pure grain and free from harmful impurities. Guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906.

Sold by William Carman, 1225 7th street, northwest. Phone. North, 528.

JAMES H. HUDNELL.

Mr. James H. Hudnell, one of the best known business men in this city has returned to Castleberg's National Jewelry Co., 935 Penna Ave., N. W. Mr. Hudnell can always be relied upon to give you the genuine article. Now is the time to place your orders before the holidays. Phone. Main 2363.

Address 2009 9th street northwest.

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WILL GIVE YOU SMOOTH SILKEN TRESSES. THE MOST OBSTINATE HAIR YIELDS TO IT. KEEPS THE SCALP HEALTHY, PREVENTS DANDRUFF AND FALLING HAIR. EASY TO USE. SEND 25 CENTS FOR MONTH'S SUPPLY, PREPAID TO ANY ADDRESS.

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Things are going in a rush at the drug store of Board & McGuire 1912½ 14th St. N. W. Best up-town store to buy fine Candies, perfumery, cigars and toilet articles, as well as drugs and medicines of the best quality.

AWAITED DEATH IN DESERT.

Body of B. T. Pratt, Dead from Hunger and Thirst, Found in California.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"Water, if I could only find water! I'm suffering terribly from hunger. To-day I ate some green brush, but I can't go any more. I wonder how long it will take to die."

These entries in the notebook of B. T. Pratt, whose body was found on the desert in Inyo county by two prospectors, give pathetic evidence of the suffering the man underwent as he watched the approach of death far from human habitation. The diary also was found by G. W. Lewis and S. E. Shattuck, the prospectors while on a trip through the Argus Mountains in Inyo county. Pratt had been dead nearly two months. He was evidently trying to reach the mountains, where he knew he would find food of a sort and water in abundance, but within sight of his refuge he gave out and could go no further. Pratt was sixty years old The entries in the notebook were scribbled and began only when the man found he was in danger of dying.

"Food gave out to-day; guess I can make Argus," was the entry for August 3, seven days after he had started to cross the desert. "Water gone," told the story of the following day.

For one whole day he went without water or food, but maintained an optimistic spirit, as is witnessed by the following entry for August 6:

"Signs of water about half mile ahead. There will be green stuff there too. Will reach it early in the morning." But evidently the desert was playing tricks on him, as it so often does by means of a mirage. Two days later came the two entries quoted first. The last entry reads:—

"I left Grapeville, Inyo county, Cal., July 28. Tom Spratt told me I would perish. I thought I could make it, but got lost, so guess I will have to give in. I have no water, nothing to eat and can't walk. I have brothers, C. H. Pratt, at Banner Springs, Wyandotte county, Kan.; E. B. Pratt, in St. Louis, and W. R. Pratt, Custer county, Wyoming."

LONGEST AUTO FREIGHT LINE.

Cars Will Carry 27 Passengers and 10 Tons of Freight.

Spokane, Wash.—What is believed to be the longest automobile freight and passenger stage line on the continent is in operation between Oroville and Brewster in Okanogan County, Wash., connecting with a steamer line to Wenatchee.

The line has two 60-horse power cars, which will carry twenty-seven passengers and ten tons of freight, making the run of eighty miles in eight hours. The trip by wagon occupies almost two days. Branch lines will also be established to other points in the Okanogan country. The other line is between Marcus and Kettle Falls in Stevens County, north of Spokakne, connecting with a steamer to Spokane Falls.

These cars will be of twenty-five and thirty horse power, respectively. F. L. Barney has charge of the automobile line, while Capt. Bruce A. Griggs, a veteran river man, will operate the steamer line.

HAS A RABBIT PLAGUE.

Bold Cottontails Destroy Crops on California Ranches.

San Francisco, Cal.—Jack rabbits are said to be so numerous in the Antelope valley of California that the ranchmen are in despair. The animals are becoming so fierce that they are actually breaking down the fences around the adjacent fields and eating crops down to the roots. Not content with this, they are swarming into the desert towns and invading front yards of the dwellers.

Citizens of Lancester turned out recently and made a round-up. They put up a fence across the road between fences surrounding fields on each side and in short time drove in and killed with clubs five hundred jack rabbits.

EAGLE KILLS A SHARK.

Ship's Crew Witness Desperate Fight in Chesapeake Bay.

Baltimore.—A remarkable combat between a large eagle and a shark was witnessed recently by Captain Henderson and the crew of the steamer Tangier in Chesapeake Bay. When coming out of Occohannock Creek they saw the eagle dive and come to the surface with a shark. Then followed a fierce struggle, the shark pulling the eagle under the water until it was almost exhausted. The fish was finally killed and floated dead on the water.

Members of the steamer's crew put off in a small boat and captured the eagle, although it clawed them repeatedly and its mate, hovering close by, tried to attack them.

Shot an Albino Squirrel.

Marquette, Mich.—While hunting near Grand Marais, Gustav Herbert shot and killed an albino squirrel. It has been presented to James Cairns, of Grand Marais, and will be mounted. Albino deer are occasionally killed in upper Michigan, but this is the first time of which there is record that a white squirrel has been bagged.

VIOLIN Recital

VIOLIN RECITAL OF MISS VIRGINIA MOORE

At the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Friday evening January 22, 1909. Assisted by the popular reader, Miss Julia E. Brooks.

Tickets 25 cents.

For further particulars see small bills.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE

JETER BROTHERS

The Jeter Brothers of Newport, Rhode Island, Assisted by Miss Mary L. Europe, will give a High Class Concert and Reception at the True Reformers Hall, U St. bet. 12th and 13th. N. W. Monday evening, Jan. 18. 1909.

Lyric Orchestra. R. E. Giles, Mngr., Doors open 7:30 p. m., Carriages Call 2 a. m.—Seats To all Parts of the House, 25 cents.

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Messrs. H. Leonard, 'cellist, and Walter H. R. Jeter, pianist and violinist are well known by many of the leading musicial people of New England and Middle Atlantic States. They are young men of sterling character and pleasing manners. They perform on their several instruments skillfully and hold the attention of the most fastidious with the pleasing results.

Mr. H. Leonard Jeter is possibly the only representative violincello soloist that the race can claim. He comes from a musical family, each member of which has distinguished himself in the playing of one or more instruments.

Mr. Walter H. R. Jeter is a pianist and violinist of much merit. He performs on both instruments with ease and grace.

At the different concerts where he has performed he has always been heartily applauded. He is a genius.—Fall River Globe.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS.

(Continued from page 1.)

the women's waiting room.

All money collected through the Protestant churches for the sufferers in Italy will be sent through the Red Cross, and that from the Roman Catholic churches will be sent to Monsignor Falconio, who will forward the same to Rome.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated last Monday morning in St. Aloysious Church for the repose of the souls of those whose lives were lost in Italy and Sicily.

Last Sunday 1800 Epworth League members in Cleveland. Ohio, promised to live for two weeks as they believed Christ would live if He were on earth.

The Star, Newport News, Virginia, suggests that the "Virginia Negro" leaders have a conference in Washington during the inauguration period.

The Western Star, in speaking of Lawyer J. Vance Lewis, of Houston, Texas, calls him "the Man of the Hour," and reproduces complimentary letters from the Executive Office of the State of Texas.

Teachers of the public schools of Baltimore, Md., have sent a petition to the School Board asking for better pay. The petition is signed by the male assistants of the Colored High and Training School.

Mrs. M. L. Walker, of Richmond, Virginia, was the recipient of an ornamental electric lamp, mahogany table and center piece from the force in St. Luke's Emporium.

HAMILTON TURLEY DEAD.

Examiner of Claims in Western Division, Pension Office.

Hamilton Turley, an examiner in the western division of the pension office, died at his home, 522 U Street northwest, last week. He was born in this city December 10, 1853, and was the only son of the late John P. and Julia Turley. He was educated in the Washington public schools, and also attended Howard University.

His life was spent in this city, where he was an active church worker. He was especially interested in music and the choral service of his church. Mr. Turley was employed in the government printing office for a time prior to May, 1876, when he was appointed to a position in the pension office. At the time of his death the was an examiner of the claims of widows and dependents. He was promoted to class 2 December 1, although he had been confined to his bed for some time before, but he did not live to enjoy the fruits of his promotion. He was popular among his associates.

Deceased was married twice, his first wife was the sister of Dr. J. R. Francis, a well-known practicing physician of this city. A widow, and the daughter of his first wife survive him. His funeral was held in the Plymouth Congregational Church, under the auspices of the Bannaker Relief Association, of which he was a charter member. The Rev. Mr. Garner officiated. Deceased left a large number of sincere friends to mourn his loss. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

OLD RELIABLES.

Mr. Arthur Boston is still on deck and looking well.

Perrie W. Frisby is at the same old stan d.

Attorney A. W. Scott is much in evidence.

Dr. Sam M. Pierce will soon drive two in hand.

Dr. Morse is the It of West End. Try his "Speed Ball." All modern improvements.

Dr. Charles H. Marshall was re-elected. Good for the old reliable!

CANDLE IGNITES TREE.

Bucket Brigade Extinguishes Blaze at T Street Residence.

A lighted candle on a Christmas tree in the home of Rev. Alexander Garner, 943 T Street northwest, ignited the tree, which reslted in an alarm being sounded. Before the fire department reached the house, persons at the place had formed a buck et brigade and extinguished the blaze. The tree was thrown from the window. The damage amounted to about $25.

No 11 Engine company responded to a local alarm shortly before 6 o'clock last night when illuminating gas escaping from a pipe in the cellar of house 1211 Otis Street northwest, owned by F. J. DeMoll of 809 B Street southeast, and occupied by A. B. Foster, became ignited. No damage resulted.

COLORED Y. M. C. A.

The colored men's branch of the Young Men's Christian Association kept open house to receive members and friends New Year's day, from 3:30 to 6:30 o'clock, in True Reformers' Hall, 12th and U Streets northwest. A musical program was rendered and refreshments were served by the committee. Miss Georgia Fields sang. The day was in charge of the board of management of the branch and the headquarters committee.

"FATHER" GREEN DIES.

Cumberland, Md. January 4.—Jackson Green, said to have been the oldest resident of Bedford county, is dead at his home in Earlston, aged 101 years. He was known as "Father" Green, and for more than fifty years he was a slave. He was born at Romney, Hampshire county, Virginia. At one time he was sold to satisfy the creditors of his master, bringing $4,500.

He obtained his freedom in 1863 and later moved to Pueblo, Colorado, where he lived for thirty years. In 1904, he retured, and since then had lived with his married daughter. For many years he was a preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at Everett.

BIGGER THAN EVER THIS YEAR.

The Commentary for 1909, a Book Worthy of Note, Has Surpassed All Former Efforts.

Among the recent achievements of the Negro publishing concerns established, operated and owned by the different denominations of the race is the National Baptist Sunday School Lesson Commentary, a book, a treatise, a complete exegesis, on the Sunday-school lessons for 1909, published by the National Baptist Publishing Board, at Nashville, Tenn. The book this year contains over four hundred pages and is easily the superior of any of its predecessors. The book is in its fifth volume, and it seems that the Baptist Publishing Board doubled its energy this year in its effort to make this book just what the Sunday-school superintendent, teachers and advanced scholars need, a complete, suggestive, illustrative and comprehensive Commentary on the Sunday-school lessons. Not only this, but it is evident that the ministers of the Gospel. It has the book is of invaluable service to been used more than once to aid in the preparation of sermons because of the facts and the extra amount of biblical research to be found within its pages. The book contains a preface, an article on Sunday-school Methods; an introduction for each quarter and an introduction for every lesson, together with the Exposition. Following these there come "Truths Gleaned from the Lesson," "Hints for the Primary teachers," and an array of questions upon each lesson. There are three beautifully colored maps showing Paul's journeys. Nearly every lesson for the year is illustrated. Attention is at once attracted to a particular lesson in next year, the one which comes on March 7, subject: "Philip and the Ethiopian," which is illustrated on Page 82 showing Philip and the Ethiopian enuch as they ride in a chariot drawn by two horses. One almost sees the Ethiopian pointing to the water and asking why he cannot be baptized. This is the first time that Negro publishers have attempted to portray in their Sunday-school lessons the Ethiopian in a dark skin. This book has for its editor, Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., L. L. D., and as an associate editor, Rev. W. S. Ellington, B. A., D.D. They seem to have wonderfully outstripped the times and have evidently commended themselves to the Sunday-school.

THE BEE SECONDS THE MOTION

From Dallas Express.

There are many colored folks who talk race pride because it is popular among members of their own race, but they never practice it. There are many of these lying hypocrites in Dallas who have never read an issue of the Dallas Express, but will have their subscriptions paid in advance for some white paper when they die. God save the marks!

Read The Bee.

Tennessee Whiskey
—A very rare 15 year old Bourbon of the finest quality and delicate taste.
$5 gal. $1.25 full qt.
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